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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1951, HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Department of State

Mr. Barrett, Director  
Mr. Oechsner, Acting Executive Secretary  
Mr. Sargeant  
Mr. Hulten  
(Mr. Phillips latter part of meeting)  
(Mr. MacKnight  
Mrs. Curran

Department of Defense  
Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Department of the Army  
Economic Cooperation Administration  
National Security Resources Board  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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For Mr. Harriman

General Magruder  
Admiral Stevens  
General McClure  
Mr. Berding  
Mr. Sheppard

Mr. Lanigan

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1. Minutes of meeting of February 5, 1951 were approved. Please indicate Mr. Sherman Shoppard was not present at this meeting.

2. Combating the Crisis of Confidence Copies of this document will be made available to the members of the Board - but not for distribution.

3. Report on Status of Psychological Warfare Plan for General War Mr. Oechsner reported that this Plan is in the hands of the working group and will be distributed to the Board members prior to the next meeting. (If this is not feasible, copies will be available for distribution at the next meeting.) Certain differences of opinion will be referred to the Board for resolution.

4. Project Brainwave The Chairman reported that the task force is currently drawing up specifications for the launching of this project in Belgium; slogan, symbols, and title will be left open for easier adaptation in the field. Mr. Nichols departs for Europe Sunday, February 18, 1951.

5. Korea Plan Mr. Oechsner reported that this Plan had been distributed for comment and implementation as appropriate.

General McClure advised the Board that Fred H. Barton, recently returned from Korea, advises a) of the effectiveness of North Korea propaganda in the poster and leaflet line; b) the need for battery sets and loud speakers; c) newspapers (particularly a Korean newspaper); in contrast, Barton reported South Korean army propaganda is neither good nor effective.

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In this connection, General McClure reported that the Chief of Staff had sent a communication to the field (on Friday, February 9) advising of Secretary Pace's interest in psychological warfare activities and recommending that these activities be given the status of Special Staff, as it is now established in the Department of the Army.

General McClure advised the Board of a recent telecon recommending consideration of a theme of Chinese Communist purge measures. Mr. Hulten is to call a suggestion to attention of operators; and also to arrange meeting between Messrs. Barton, Kohler and Connors.

6. Operation Nobel (see minutes of February 5, 1951) Mr. Berding reported that ECA and State (Mr. Jamison) are working on the project. Mr. Hull has agreed to participate in this activity.

7. Russian Plan This Plan has been cleared within Department with certain amendments and will now be distributed. This document, as with all other Plans, is subject to future modification.

8. Distribution of guidances and plans Mr. Oechsner will review distribution lists, and ascertain that copies are being sent to Mr. Harriman and appropriate SHAPE officers.

9. Balloon Research General Magruder reported that his conversations in connection with this matter were still in process, and a fuller report could be expected at the next Board meeting. Admiral Stevens expressed belief the overall responsibility rests in the Office of Naval Research.

10. Defectors Mr. MacKnight advised the Board of an outgoing cable to HICOG on future arrangements for an accelerated program for the handling of Soviet Defectors.

11. The Chairman reported that a Task Force in State is currently working on the matter of information and psychological warfare operations in NATO and SPAHE. This will be an agenda item for next Board meeting.

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Mr. Oechner is to review, with the Chairman, a reply given last summer to the NATO Standing Committee on its request for instructions re. psychological warfare planning. Admiral Stevens suggested that a new position paper might be worked out for the guidance of the Standing Committee.

12. Mr. Sheppard announced that he was being re-assigned and would not henceforth attend Board meetings. The Chairman thanked Mr. Sheppard for his work with the Board and the Board wished him well in his new assignment.

13. The Chairman reported:

Project Troy Report due end of February;

Shipboard transmitter papers have gone forward to agencies involved;

Yalu River Dam paper has been distributed to Board members and no further action necessary (see minutes of January 22)

14. Mr. Phillips advised the Board that Dr. Harry Friedgood is available for government service.